

REMARKS

Claims 21-35 are pending. Claims 29 – 35 are allowed. Claims 21, 23, 24, 26 and 27 are rejected. The Examiner objects to Claims 22, 25 and 28.

Applicants hereby amend Claim 21 to a scope commensurate with allowed claim 29. No new matter is presented.

Applicants address the rejections and objections in the order in which they were presented in the Office Action dated August 10, 2009.

Renumbering of the Claims

Applicants acknowledge that claims presented in a claim listing shall be presented in ascending numerical order in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121. Therefore, Applicants adopt the renumbering scheme adopted by the Examiner (i.e., claims 36 and 37 are renumbered in the present claim listing as claims 35 and 36, respectively). Applicants thank the Examiner for noting this inadvertent error.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §102

Claims 21, 23, 24, 26 and 27 are rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as anticipated by Mod et al. (US 3,309,333; US 3,515,754; US 3,519,661; US 3,538,123; and US 3,584,030). Applicants hereby amend claim 21 to recite compounds commensurate in scope as those recited in allowed claim 29. Applicants' amendment overcomes the rejection. Applicants request withdrawal of the §102(b) rejection.

The claims are believed in condition for allowance and Applicants respectfully request such action. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative with any questions or comments for expeditious handling.

Respectfully submitted,

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